

SPIKER LOG HOUSE

AL-VI-B-075
Buskirk Hollow Road, Gilmore
ca. 1885

The Spiker Log House was constructed in the late 19th century and later partially covered with board and batten. The building is in severely deteriorated condition and is a good example of the kind of cheap, temporary housing utilized by the citizens of Alleghany County.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spiker Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Buskirk Hollow Road-North Side

CITY, TOWN

Gillmore

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles Spiker

Telephone #: 689-8350

STREET & NUMBER

227 Welsh Hill

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 228

Folio #: 37

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spiker Log House is located on the north side of Buskirk Hollow Road in Gilmore, Allegany County.

The Spiker House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular log structure that has been covered in places with a variety of verticle boards. The hand hewn logs are laid with "V" notching and the chinking is a combination of cement and the original mud and pebbles. The building is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. A single story shed-roofed addition is located on the north side of the building. Windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights. The main entrance is located on the building's southern facade and both the door and the hardware have been replaced. The entrance is covered by a crudely constructed three bay end porch with a sagging shed roof. A single, replaced brick chimney is located in the interior of the building.

Although the Spiker House is in deteriorated condition, it nevertheless retains some of its original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lob Cabin remained a popular form of housing in Allegany County until the present century. They were inexpensive to build, easy to construct and extremely sturdy. In the late 19th century numerous log structures were built in Allegany County. Soon after construction, these buildings were generally covered with board and batten. Although it is in deteriorated condition, the Spiker House is a good example of such a structure. The house was constructed in the late 19th century and covered with board and batten at a later date.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .24 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/18/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

* INVENTORY NO. A1-VL-B-075 call Wed 3:30
 DATE: 12/29/76 ~~310/32~~? (only Lead)
 REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor 228/37 24 Acre
 NAME OF PROPERTY: Spiker Log House
 LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Buskirk Hollow Rd. (North Side) Gilmore
 DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South
 NAME OF OWNER: Charles Spiker 227 Welsh Hill, 689-8350
 ADDRESS: 227 Welsh Hill Frostburg
Frostburg, MD 21532
 STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()
 WINGS, ADDITIONS: (1 story, 1 Bay shed Roofed Rear)
 Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)
 WALL CONSTRUCTION:
 () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 (☒) LOG
 (☒) Other: Coverings vertical Boards, all kinds ✓ notching
 WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain
 FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE
 WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK Single Sash 4 light
 WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
 pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()
 ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
 HARDWARE: original () replaced (☒)
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards
 CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
 original () replaced () Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave
 ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
 MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original () replaced (☒)
 PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed (☒) hip () gable () 3 Bay Front
 CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK (☒) STONE () CORBELED () original () replaced (☒)
 LOCATION: Flush end () Inside end () Outside end () Central () Interior ()
 ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular
 COMMENTS:
 Use - Residence
 Significance - arch.
 Date Constructed -
 Condition - deteriorated

Hand
 Drawn
 Logs



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Buskirk Hollow Rd

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Northeast

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Spiker Log House

Buskirk Hollow Rd., Gillmore

12/29/76

Southwest

John E. Nelson